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RECIPROCITY WITH THE UNITED STATES.—The value of the Reciprocity Treaty will soon be discussed in the United States Senate, on the motion of Mr. Wilson of Massachusetts, who has obtained the passage of a resolution, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to produce the statistics of trade between this country and the British North American Colonies, distinguishing the trade with Canada from that with British Columbia and the Lower Provinces, and also, it is to be presumed, from that with that thriving settlement of the Hudson Bay Company, now for some months open to the trade of the world, and especially of this Union—the little Colony of the Red River of the North. It is to be hoped that the result of the discussion will be the removal of some of the remaining restrictions on the trade and commerce of a people, divided by a few artificial barriers and slight political differences, but who should, for all ordinary purposes of human intercourse, have identical interests. An extension of the Treaty, whereby Colonial ships will be entitled to trade in American waters with that freedom which is accorded to American ships in British waters, is much desired; and this the sense of justice of the United States Legislature could scarcely withhold against thorough information.

CAST-OFF WIGS.—It is related that Foote suggested that anything could be obtained second-hand in London, except coffins; even the cast off wigs of the lawyers were ingeniously put into the market by a knowing shipper who traded to the Guinea coast. The captain thought that the negro chiefs might like them, and take out a few. Never did a small speculation turn out better; the negroes were all mad for wigs, and shipments soon followed of the same articles. It was a sight to witness the chiefs, nude except at the waist, wearing the wigs, which once might have been worn upon the honored heads of the English Lord Chancellor and Judges. Perhaps the lawyers' wigs and even pig-tail and "Hessian boots" may still be found in fashion in some of those countries.

THE BAROTROPE.—A Frenchman has invented what is called a barotrope, a sort of human locomotive, by which a man sits on wheels and walks himself alone. It is evident that each step will carry a man several yards on an instrument of this kind, and a speed of 2-40 might be obtained without any great exertion. Two men with it made five miles in thirty-five minutes, on the Boulevard Bazar of Paris, at noon, when the streets were most crowded. At another time, the same men made thirteen miles in ninety-six minutes; the exercise being so easy that they offered to keep it up alternate hours, day after day, and thought they could without difficulty average fifty or sixty miles a day. A singular thing about it is, that it beats the best turn-outs on steep grades, if they present a compact or paved surface.

HORRIBLE.—The Grand Rapids Michigan Enquirer relates the particulars of a shocking affair, which happened there on the 15th February, at the raising of a large barn. A couple of boys were playing with a large broad axe, when one of them suggested to his playmate to lay his head on a block and let him cut it off; which was done, and the sharp heavy axe instantly severed the head from the body of the little fellow. Just at this instant, a large "bent" of the frame was poised in mid air; but the men engaged in raising it were so shocked at the sight, that they let go their hold, when the huge timbers with a tremendous crash fell to the ground, killing three men instantly.

The Quebec correspondent of the Hamilton Spectator says: Again, we have this further evidence of the lust for office here, that seven telegrams are credibly said to have been received by a Minister, lately, on the very evening of the decease of a lamented Judge, four the next day, after which letters came pouring in, almost by the bushel—all from different candidates for the dead man's post.

WESLEY AND HIS COMPANION.—He could be noble in his reproofs as in all things. Joseph Bradford was for many years his traveling companion, and considered no assistance to him too servile, but was subject to changes of temper. Wesley directed him to carry a package of letters to the post; Bradford wished to hear his sermon first. Wesley was urgent and insisted; Bradford refused.

"Then," said Wesley, "You and I must part."  
"Very good, sir," replied Bradford. They slept over it. On rising the next morning, Wesley accosted his old friend and asked if he had considered what he had said that "They must part?"  
"Yes, sir," replied Bradford.  
"And must we part?" inquired Wesley.  
"Please yourself, sir," was the reply.  
"Will you ask my pardon!" rejoined Wesley.

"No, sir,"  
"You won't?"  
"No, sir,"  
"Then I will ask yours!" replied the great man.

Bradford melted under the example, and wept like a child.

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office of Messrs Sam'l Price & Co., on Wednesday,  
25th March ensuing at 6 o'clock, P. M.

JAS. N. THAIN, Sec'y.

Victoria, V. I., 14th March, 1860.

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## NOTICE.

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Victoria, V. I., March 24, 1860.

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CHURCH at New Westminster.

The Church is to be a Framed and Stud Building,  
eighty-nine feet long, fifty-two feet wide, and thirty-  
nine feet high, consisting of Nave, Chancel, Vestry  
Recess for Organ, Porch and Belfry.

The plans and specification may be seen on applica-  
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to whom tenders are to be addressed, bearing on the  
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JOHN SHEEPSHANKS, M. A., Hon. Sec'ys.  
WILLIAM H. MCCREA, }  
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Victoria, V. I. Feb 23-1914



## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, March 22, 1860.

The SPEAKER announced that the recognizances to the petition of A. De Cosmos against the return of S. Franklin, Esq., and to the petition of J. J. Skinner against the return of Capt. Cooper, had been duly entered into.

### ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the address to the Home Government for a reduction in the price of land.

Major FOSTER, in rising to move the address, said that we are not to engage in a theoretical discussion. The United States has shown us particularly how to attract population by a cheap land system. A population had come to this country—no better men could be found—and yet they were thwarted and forced to leave, for want of land. Canadians and Englishmen have left for Washington Territory, to get homes. We cannot compete for population at the high prices of land here, which is four times more than there. After the trial we have had, and thoroughly failed, it should be altered. Not fifty men more are now in the districts in advance of the old settlers. Except a man has friends, his pocket coin will not go to the other side. Take a mercantile view of the price of land; but any view will be futile if in favor of the present system. If the price is reduced, it will be urged that it will foster speculation. If the land is worth anything, it will cause speculation at £1 or 1s. (hear, hear.) When the speculator knows there is a road-tax on every acre, it will check speculation. All classes in the districts tell me, "I have no neighbor, no roads; the Government will do nothing; we are now no nearer to getting roads than when promised two years ago." If you sell all the land at 1s. an acre, you could not make the roads without population. The seaboard will not enable all to come to market; you must have roads. Without an index of population, we can do nothing. In the United States, 12½ cents pays the whole cost of survey, including instruments, buildings, maps, clerks and surveyors. I think it will be shown very clearly we pay too much. If Englishmen cannot survey land as cheap, we have not got an engineer qualified for the duty. With regard to Indian titles, we are told that we have to extinguish them; they have never been acknowledged by this House, nor by any colony, or the English Government (hear, hear). They never existed; we merely acknowledge that a compensation is due them for changing their position. This the Home Government should do. It would be simplified by the appointment of an Indian Agent. The mode of action in past years has not been attended with success. It has injured agriculture and commerce,—benefitting the other side. And altogether because lands are held at an exorbitant price.

The SPEAKER said—Although I rise to oppose the motion, I agree with the proposition to cheapen the lands, and secure a pre-emption title. I oppose it on other grounds as entirely inopportune. I shall show sufficient reasons, and if I convince the honorable member, he will not urge the motion. It is unnecessary to send this address. A petition was formed by the town of Victoria, praying the price to be five shillings, with pre-emption right. That was laid before the House; but having no power, it has been sent to England, and from the Assembly, asking power to modify the land system. On inquiry, I find His Excellency received a dispatch by the last steamer about that petition, and it is now waiting for the remarks of His Excellency. His opinion is that the system is bad, and recommends an alteration as soon as possible. Now, sir, what use is a petition of this kind, as there is one already under consideration? In the Governor's speech, it is said that if the House will provide for the support of the Government, then it will have the right to make a new land system. It would appear a proper course not to send another petition to take the power into our hands. When we consider whether a Civil List will be granted, it will be time. The only amendment I offer is that the motion lie on the table. If the House should not hereafter agree to provide a Civil List, then we can send it home. Whatever faults exist are those of the Home Government. It is their system; they pay the officers. I would much rather be on the side of the honorable member for Lake than otherwise; but for the reasons given, I move that the resolution lie on the table.

Mr. A. WADDINGTON said the objections of the Hon. Speaker were more apparent than real. Even after the Civil List was granted, we would have to apply to the Home Government, which would probably occupy three months. Englishmen may love this country, but the immense difference between the price of land here and in Washington Territory would induce them to go there. I did not understand why the petition was not accompanied by the remarks of His Excellency. (Hear, hear.) Petitions cannot be too often repeated. By this petition we would save time, instead of postponing it six or nine months longer.

Mr. H. P. P. CRESSIE rose to support the motion, and dwelt at considerable length on the importance of the motion. He thought the strong reasons in favor of the motion. A petition had been made and sent to England, but no one fathered it, no one seconded it. It appears to me exceedingly strange that His Excellency had not forwarded his remarks at the time, instead of waiting for the Home Government to send out for his opinion. He thought that a petition from this House, backed up by His Excellency's remarks, would be productive of good. In regard to the acknowledgment that the land system is bad, he was glad that conviction had at last dawned on the minds of those in power. In the Governor's speech, the House was told that if a Civil List was granted, he would recommend placing the lands at their disposal. That unless we did so we might whistle for the crown lands. That is a distinct reason why an additional petition should go home, with all the influence His Excellency could throw into the scale. He denied any title existing with the Indians; and would decidedly object to its recognition by the House. If the system renders the price of land high, and the present surveyors cannot survey it as cheap as elsewhere, others should be put in their places. He thought it unwise to look to the land for revenue. By making the price high, we place the land out of the reach of the working man. After several years experience the only tendency of £1 an acre was to retard the country. He concluded by hoping the resolution would pass and that it would result in attracting thousands to our shores, and lay the foundation of steady and honest progress.

Mr. JOHN COLES felt fully convinced of the urgency of the case, and therefore supported the motion.

Dr. TOLMIE supported the amendment, although he thought all were unanimously in favor of cheap lands. As regards the Indians, he did not say they had any title; but that it was necessary to extinguish their claims, to avoid a war. We could give a nominal consideration, and unless we did, neither Chemenas nor the West Coast could be settled. If we could get them at one shilling an acre, it would stop an Indian war. Settlers were driven away from Chemenas because the Indians were not satisfied. There was a better opportunity to get lands here than in Washington Territory. All the good agricultural land west of the Cascades was taken up, near the seaboard. We have a large extent of country, oak-openings and prairies. He thought speculation would be increased by reduction. Still he was in favor of cheap land. He argued, however, in favor of laying the motion on the table till the House decided whether it would grant a Civil List. He wanted to see the estimates first.

Mr. G. T. GORDON concurred with the mover of the motion, and would hereafter bring in a motion calling for returns of the expenses of survey.

Mr. FRANKLIN supported the amendment; but said he was in favor of the principles of the motion.

A discussion followed, in which Foster, the Speaker, Waddington and Tolmie took part; and before a vote was taken, the Speaker said that as there were only himself, Tolmie and Franklin in favor of the amendment, he withdrew it, when the motion passed nem. con.

On the report being carried up to the House, it was adopted.

Mr. H. P. P. CRESSIE moved that the Clerk of the House be sworn in.

The SPEAKER. Who is to swear him?

Mr. H. P. P. CRESSIE. The Chief Justice.

Adjourned till 3 p. m., Friday.

FRIDAY, March 23.

The House met at 3 p. m. Present: Speaker HELMCKEN and Messrs. Gordon, Cressie, Waddington, Franklin, Foster, Tolmie and Southgate.

Mr. GORDON stated that he saw by the morning's paper that the reporters could not hear the proceedings distinctly. Could they not be accommodated inside the bar of the House?

The SPEAKER stated that there was no room inside the bar.

Mr. CRESSIE gave notice of a bill to regulate the legal profession.

In answer to an inquiry from a member, the Speaker stated that the Clerk had been sworn in.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

The Chairman read the following petition to Her Majesty, asking for a reduction in the price of Crown lands:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

*The humble Petition of Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the members of the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, in Parliament assembled, sheweth—*

That the price of Crown lands in this Colony has been fixed by the Home Government at £1 sterling per acre.

That, under that arrangement, the stream of immigration and population has been diverted from this country to the United States territories of Washington and Oregon, owing to the immediate vicinity of those territories and the competition arising from the low prices of lands there; the comparative cheapness of the land surveys (viz: 6½d per acre) and the facilities for procuring land almost free of cost, by the pre-emption system.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Majesty will graciously be pleased to direct that the price of Crown lands in this Colony may be reduced;

And that 4s. 2d. per acre be the maximum price at which such lands shall be sold.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Mr. HELMCKEN thought the pre-emption system should be introduced first, and the price fixed afterwards.

Mr. FOSTER stated the object of the petition was not to consider any land system.

Mr. HELMCKEN was perfectly willing the petition should go forward; but he did not like its wording in regard to the "comparative cheapness of the land surveys." He thought the word "comparative" should be stricken out.

After a lengthy discussion, the word "comparative" was erased; and the petition was further amended to read 6s. per acre, instead of 4s. 2d., for land.

Mr. GORDON presented the petition of John T. Little and Geo. A. Reynolds, asking for the formation of the Victoria Gas Company. The petition asked for the exclusive privilege of laying pipes; a grant for a term of years (number not stated); and represented that a considerable outlay of money would be required to place the Company in working order.

On motion of Mr. Waddington, the petition was laid on the table.

The Committee then rose, and reported to the House the Petition to Her Majesty regarding the Crown Lands. The petition was read and adopted.

The consideration of Mr. Waddington's motion for a return of all lands sold on Vancouver Island, was postponed until Monday next.

The House then adjourned until 3 p. m. Saturday.

THE FUGITIVE SLAVES.—The number of slaves escaped to Canada, are estimated at 45,000. Reckoned at \$1,000 each, Victoria's government is sheltering \$45,000,000 worth of Southern property, for which law nor the comity of nations provides redress. Gov. Wise (of Virginia) considers that this is almost a sufficient cause for a war between the United States and England.

## CITY TRADE REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 23, 1860.

Business for the last two days has been characterized by the same features as the preceding days of the week. But very little is doing, and quietness is visible in every branch of trade. China Rice has taken a rise of ½c; Potatoes have declined ½c; other articles at Monday's quotations.

FLOUR—No transactions to note; G G firm at \$7@ \$7 25; Eclipse, \$5 50.

COFFEE—Rio rules at 22c; Bovee's, 22½c; Charles, 35c.

SALT—In 10-lb sks, 25c; 5-lb sks, 15c.

SUGAR—Sales of 6,000 lbs S Island, \$8@9c; China No 1, 8½@9c.

POTATOES—A sale of 4,000 lbs Whidbey's at 1½c.

RICE—China No 1, 6c; Carolina in no demand at 9c.

BARLEY—In steady demand at 3½c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon, 37½@40c.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

### ARRIVED.

March 23—Schr Elizabeth, Melvin, San Juan. Str Otter, Mount, New Westminster. Str Beaver, Lewis, San Juan.

### CLEARED.

March 22—Str Beaver, Lewis, San Juan. Sloop Young Growler, Miller, Port Townsend. Sloop Wanderer, Peterson, Port Townsend.

### DR. HAMILTON.

GRADUATE OF SURGERY AND MECHANICAL Dentistry, has arrived in Victoria, and taken rooms and office at the Hotel de France.

Parties desiring the services of Dr. Hamilton, can consult him on business pertaining to his profession in person, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M., or by note.

Dr. H. will remain in Victoria for a limited time only. Those desiring his services must call immediately, as much time is required in performing many operations necessary to preserve and beautify the Teeth, &c.

All consultations by note must be directed to Dr. HAMILTON, Hotel de France. Victoria, March 15th, 1860. m17

## REMOVAL.

### M. PRAG

HAS REMOVED FROM HIS OLD STAND ON Government street, to the Store formerly occupied by Webster & Co., between Kaindler's Warehouse and Webster's new brick building, on Yates street, Victoria. m1-lm

EX ATHELSTAN, FROM LONDON. BRANDY—1856, United Vineyard Proprietors; RUM—fine old Jamaica; WHISKY—Irish and Scotch, in bulk and bottle; PORT—very superior, in case; SERRA do do; CLARET do do; CHAMPAGNE, do do

For sale by m1-lm DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.

## THOMAS PHELAN, ENGLISH GROCERY & PROVISION MERCHANT.

Batty's Pickles; Salad Oil; Sardines; Jellies, Jams, Sauces, &c.; English Ham and Bacon; Colonial Produce.

PURVEYOR TO H. B. M. ARMY AND NAVY. m22-1m Government St., north side Yates.

### IN STORE.

A SELECTION OF ENGLISH SHOE THREAD; do do Brushes; do do Salmon & Herring Nets; English Saddles, Bridles and Cart Harness; Greubler & Co's Patent Roofing Felt; McDougall's Tobacco Pipes, in cases; Champagne Cider, do do; O Dumas and Meunier's old Cognac, in wood; Duff Gordon's Sherry, in glass and wood; Dunlop's Mountain Dew Whisky, in do; Stewart's Scotch Whisky, in do; Bernard's Old Tom Gin, in do; Muir's Ale, do do; California Flour, Buns, &c.; Pilot Bread, Soda, Sugar and Boston Crackers; Cast Iron Fly Wheel, well adapted for a Saw Mill; Parlor Grates.

For sale by m22-1m ROBERTSON STEWART & CO.

### NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED beg to inform the mercantile community of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, that having established a house in San Francisco, they will give their best attention to the purchase and shipment of merchandise, sale of consignments, and other branches of a Commission business.

MONSARRAT & ALMON, 85 Front street, San Francisco.

Refer, in Victoria, to Messrs. JANON & GREEN. m22-3m

### WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN, WHO CAN COMMAND FROM one thousand to two thousand dollars, to join the advertiser (who has had considerable experience in all matters connected with horses, as a partner, in establishing a Livery and Commission Stable, Farriery, and Riding School business in the ensuing Spring. Apply personally, or by letter, to

A. B. Office of this Paper. m10-1w

### NOTICE.

I HEREBY CAUTION ALL PERSONS from buying or negotiating a note granted by me on the 23rd February, to H. C. Smith, payable 40 days after date, for \$200, as such note was given consistent upon the return of certain property belonging to me in Smith's possession, and which he has refused to return.

JOHN MORRIS. Victoria, March 21st, 1860. m22-4f

### NOTICE.

SELECT SCHOOL.—BROAD ST. THE undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has disposed of the above establishment to Mr E. Mallandaine, who will, now conduct the same on his own account and responsibility.

December 6th, 1859 J. SILVERSMITH. Dated Victoria, March 20th, 1860. m22-4f

## FIRST VICTORIA DIRECTORY

Of Trades and Professions, IS NOW READY, containing Alphabetical Lists of Victoria names, Postal Lists and Official Lists for the two Colonies.

For sale at Hibben & Carswell's, and W. F. Herre's, Yates street. Price \$1 50. m22-4f

INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PIANO. MR. JAS. G. POSTON would respectfully inform the public that he will give instructions on the Piano Forte, to a limited number of pupils, at his residence adjoining the Rev Mr Macle's church, Fort street.

Terms \$8 per month, in advance. Victoria, March 22nd, 1860. m22-1m

### TO LET.

A LOT THIRTY FEET FRONT, ON THE WEST side of Government street, near the Post Office, well situated for business. A. DE COSMOS, 184-f

HOUSE TO LET. THE LARGE HOUSE now occupied by Pickett & Co., on Wharf street. Possession given March 22nd, next.

Apply to K. GAMBIZT Dry Goods Store, Yates street, near Government street. m22-4f

WANTED TO BORROW. \$1,000, IN ONE OR MORE SUMS, ON Address J H J, care of JOHN COPLAND, Esq. Yates street. m22-1m

FOR SALE. ONE SECTION OF LAND IN LAKE DISTRICT, adjoining Major Foster's and Captain Donoh's. Also, 100 acres at Saanich. Also, Town Lot 4598, in Langley street, opposite Hibben & Co's Book Store. Apply to MR. JOHN COPLAND, Yates street. m22-1m

FOR SALE. EX ATHELSTAN. 20 kegs Wrought SPIKES, 4 to 6 inches. A. & A. FELLOWS, Importers and General Dealers in Hardware, m13-1m Yates street, Victoria.

FOR SALE. SHIP GOMELZA. Apply to the Hudson Bay Company, or to the Captain on board. m17-4f

FOR SALE. EX D. M. HALL. 223 bags Barley; 290 gallons Castor Oil; SOUTHGATE & MITCHELL, Wharf street. m15

SCOTCH CATHAL. PEARL BARLEY. Finest quality, fresh manufactured, from Craigflower Mills, Vancouver Island. For sale, wholesale, by HENDERSON & BURNABY, Wharf street, Victoria. m16-4f

EX ATHELSTAN. TEA—fine Black Congou; SOAP—best English Yellow and White; SALT—in jars; TOBACCO—best Cavendish; BUTTER—best Irish; SARDINES; CIGARETTES—superior English and Dutch; HAM—fine York; Congreve Matches; For sale by m1-1m DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.

EX ATHELSTAN. FACING BRICKS—hard white Essex; ROOFING SLATES—Countess; For sale by m1-1m DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.

MONSARRAT & ALMON, COMMISSION MERCHANTS. AND AUCTIONEERS. Wharf street, Victoria, V. I. m22-6m

TENDERS. TENDERS WANTED FOR BUILDING a Steamer on the Lillooet Lake. For particulars apply to ROBERTSON STEWART & CO., Yates Street. m20

CHURCH AT NEW WESTMINSTER. THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS may now be seen at Mr. J. Cochrane's office, Government street, next the Post Office. m29-4f

EX ATHELSTAN. PILOT REEFERS, at low rates. For sale by m16-4f HENDERSON & BURNABY.

## AUCTION SALES. SALE BY AUCTION OF THE AMERICAN BARK GLIMPSE.

P. M. BACKUS will sell For account of whom it may concern, At his Store on Yates Street.

On Saturday, March 24th, 1860, At 12 o'clock, noon, BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SURVEYORS,

The American Bark Glimpse, 480 TONS REGISTER, as she lies at Clover Point.

The Ship will be sold first; afterwards, the Spars, Boats, Sails, Rigging, &c., that have been saved from her.

Terms—For the Ship, 20 per cent. cash at the time of the sale, and the balance on the same day, as soon as the Bill of Sale is ready.

For the Boats, Spars, Rigging, Sails, &c., Cash at the time of the sale.

Full particulars on the day of sale m22-2

Great Real Estate Sale BY AUCTION!

P. M. BACKUS, AUCTIONEER, will sell

On WEDNESDAY, April 4, 1860, at 12 o'clock, noon, at his Salesroom, Yates street,

Unless previously sold by Private Sale, FORTY-ONE DESIRABLE TOWN Lots, on Cooke, Alford and Putnam streets, in subdivided Blocks numbers 18 and 19.

This well-known property has been surveyed into convenient sized Lots for Cottage Residences, having a dry, rich soil, and being but a few minutes' walk from the bushy portion of the city, commands itself at once to persons of moderate means to secure home-steads convenient to their places of business.

A correct Map of the District may be seen at the rooms of the Auctioneer, a few days before the sale. Sale peremptory. Title perfect.

Terms: 10 per cent. on day of sale; balance when deeds are ready. Deeds 5¢, at expense of purchaser, unless purchaser wishes to make his own deed, in which case he has the option to do so. m13-1d

A. MARTIN & BRO. WHOLESALE DEALERS IN GROCERIES and Provisions, offer for sale at the LOWEST MARKET RATES

--FOR CASH-- 50 boxes raisins; 20 irkins butter; 50 bls pilot bread (San Francisco baked); 50 boxes candles; 20 mats rice; 150 cases pepper; 100 boxes soap; 4 cases both bricks; 21 kegs peaches; 20 cases sage; 12 bls currants; 33 bls hams; 16 cases mince meats; 40 cases peppercorns; 10 cases mutton; 50 thin matches, 3 grs each.

JUST ARRIVED—PER GLENCOE: 45 boxes candles; 20 cases butter; 16 kegs prunes; 10 bls hams; 20 chests tea, No 1; 10 bls coffee; 10 cases French Mustard.

FOR SALE—IN STORE: 200 bags beans; 15 bls vinegar, etc.

A. MARTIN, Mission Street, San Francisco, Cal. S. MARTIN, Wharf street, opposite Guild, David & Co. m25-4f

PORT DOUGLAS. THE DOUGLAS HOTEL.

THE ABOVE HOUSE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY re-fitted to meet the wants of the Travelling Public.

PRIVATE ROOMS For Families and others, where the wearied can find A COMFORTABLE HOME.

BOARD AND LODGING REDUCED. The greatest attention paid to the wants of Miners. A. SMITH & BRO.

N. B.—We are receiving, constantly, all the late Atlantic, European and California newspapers. m29-4f A. SMITH & BRO.

EX LATE ARRIVALS. 100,000 HAVANA CIGARS, OF the following Brands, viz:

La Villa de Gijon Reg'a Britanica; Verdi Eparteros do do; Teleme do do do; El buen deseo do do; El Vulcan do do; La Victoria do do; Valor de la Ra, Regalia Londres; T Say do do; Uria do do; Lafayette Conchas do; El Triunvirato Cigaritos.

This invoice of fine Cigars, warranted genuine, and of direct importation, is offered for sale at very low price, in lots to suit, by G. VIGNOLO, m17-4f Johnson st., opp Wharf.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF VICTORIA. WILL MEET IN THE POLICE COURT-ROOM, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 7½ p. m., for the transaction of important business.

His EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR DOUGLAS, HONORARY PRESIDENT. JOHN COPLAND, President; Capt. REID, Vice-Presidents; Capt. JEFFREYS, Vice-Presidents; Rev. Mr. MACFIE, Chaplain; Dr. BAILLIE, Physician.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT. Messrs. J. G. McKay, Muir, McDonald, Duncan, and McHardy.

N. B. Applications for labor or pecuniary assistance, in deserving cases, to be made to the Board of Management in the first instance.

By order ALEX. MCKENZIE, Secretary. m25-1m

EX LEONESA. RUM—Jamaica, a superior article; Port, in 1 doz cases; Sherry, do do; Champagne, quarts and pints; Pickles, Pie Fruits, Sauces, &c., R Thin's; Soap, best English, 25 lbs boxes. For sale by m5-1m DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO., corner Johnson and Wharf sts.

## COD LIVER OIL CANDY!!! JUST RECEIVED

—AND— FOR SALE BY Langley Bros, Druggists, &c., YATES STREET.

FOR SALE BY G. VIGNOLO, Johnson street, opposite Wharf, m17

25 CASES EXTRA CLEAR BACON, Patter-son, Knapp & Co.

15 bls Amos & Barber Hill's Hams; 600 cs. 60 lb. extra Goshen Butter, in 12½ lb tins; 20 " " do do " 2 " " 15 " " do do " 1 " "

75 kegs fresh Goshen Butter; 25 bls do do do 30 cases Kemp Lobsters, 1 lb tins; 20 cases Kenett & Co do 1 lb do 35 cases Sardines;

60 cases Italian Macaroni and Vermicelli; 250 lbs Yellow Soap; 150 lbs new pink Beans; 250 lbs red and bayonet Beans;

44 chests fine and extra Oolong Tea. Also—Golden Gate Flour, Cornmeal, Pilot Bread, Sugar and Soda Crackers, Spices and Adamantine Candles, French and American Preserved Meats, and general assortment of Groceries and Provisions.

Victoria, Feb 4, 1860. m13-2m

G. G. CAPRON, BLACKSMITH, Yates street, above Government,

IS NOW PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF Smithery at the lowest rates, such as Ship, Machine, Waggon and other work. Also, to shoe mules and horses at \$3. Also Oxen, and to furnish Shoe (mule and horse) and other work to parties up the country in any quantity, at the shortest notice and at the very lowest rates. Call and try.

Victoria, V. I. Dec. 27th, 1858. dec29

EX ATHELSTAN. FIRST CLASS ENGLISH FURNITURE.

DINING ROOM CHAIRS; 3 in Hair; Easy Chairs; 3 in Morocco; Sofas; Dining, Consulting, Library and Loo Tables; Wardrobes; Sideboards; Clocks; Toilet Tables and Basin Stands; Tray Glasses and Mirrors.

For sale by m16-1f HENDERSON &



